



“When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.”

St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Exodus 17: 8-13

Psalms 120: 1-8

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:2

Luke 18: 1-8

In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus tells about being persistence in prayer. While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The judge is described as corrupt and unjust but since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more will God listen to our prayers. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, “Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?” In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart. (Paraphrased from Loyola Press website)

Recently I was talking to a friend about how difficult it is to gather people together even among those who are good friends. We all seemed busier than usual, and the days seems shorter. We struggle to cope with life, with work, with health, and with relationships. And especially in an aging society, many of us are confronted with our own mortality.

Neighbouring countries, which historically are at odds with one another, seemed on edge and are ready to clash, that at any time, may escalate into an all-out war.

The world seems to be experiencing a restlessness.

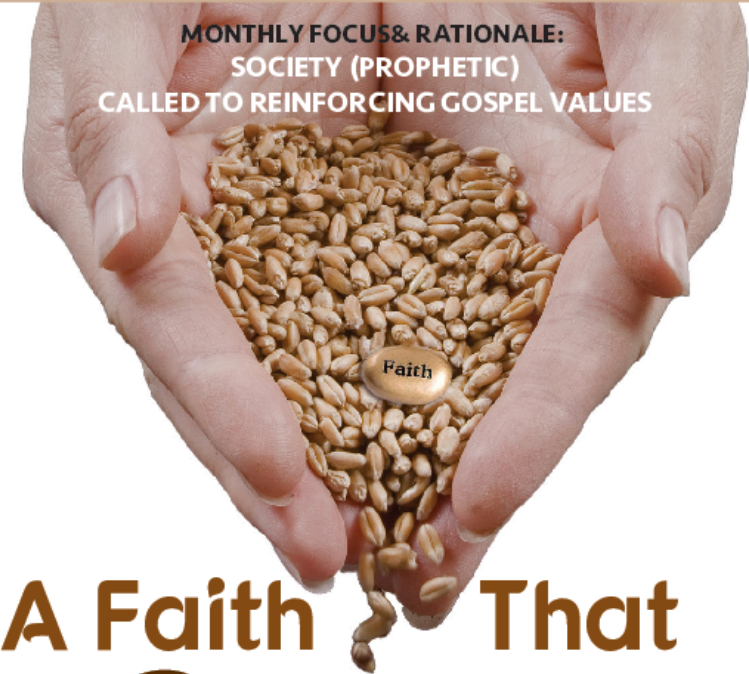
In this present situation, it is even more crucial to be persistent in our prayer. **Being persistent tells of a faith that trust and believes that God will, in his own way, respond to our prayer** – it may not come in the way we perceive the answer to be – but surely it will be what we need. Being persistent is also the hallmark of a person with a mission. God’s mission is never ending so one must be prepared to persevere in hope.

In St Augustine of Hippo’s autobiography, *Confessions*, he writes, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”✠

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A Faith That Perseveres

This Sunday is Mission Sunday. Our late Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday released in January 2025, had called us to be “Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples” emphasising prayer as the core missionary activity and a source of hope. He calls on Christians to be messengers and builders of hope, following Christ's example, especially during the Jubilee Year.